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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

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- 1. SUMMARY: MADAGASCAR AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THE US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, BUT WILL NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES ON THEIR VOTE. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ON JULY 15, ECONOFF MET WITH MADAGASCAR CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR LEON RAJAOBELINA, MADAGASCAR'S IMF GOVERNOR, TO DISCUSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY ISSUE. ECONOFF PRESENTED LEON RAJAOBELINA WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER AS WELL AS THE LETTER FOR FINANCE & PLAN MINISTER RAKOTOVAO-RAZAKABOANA, MADAGASCAR'S IBRD GOVERNOR. RAJAOBELINA PROMISED TO GIVE RAZAKABOANA HIS LETTER ON JULY 15 OR 16. NOTE: EMBASSY HAS ALSO FORWARDED IDENTICAL LETTERS TO THE TWO MADAGASCAR GOVERNORS BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY.
- 3. AFTER RAJAOBELINA READ SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER, ECONOFF CONVEYED ADDITIONAL US VIEWS PROVIDED REFTEL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMPHASIZING PARTICULARLY THE OPPOSITION OF THE US CONGRESS TO THE INCREASE, AND THE ERROR IN PARA 6 OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON REMUNERATION.

4. RAJAOBELINA RESPONDED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE US GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, BUT AS A FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HIMSELF, COULD NOT AGREE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WERE

OVERPAID. HE PROMISED TO PASS THE US VIEWS PERSONALLY TO MINISTER RAZAKABOANA, AT THE SAME TIME HE DELIVERS SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER. HE REMARKED CRYPTICALLY THAT HE AND THE MINISTER DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE ON ALL ISSUES OF THIS KIND. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR HAS NOT YET MADE ITS DECISION ON THE VOTE AND THAT HE CANNOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON THE ULTIMATE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.BARRETT

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